

JAPS FIGHT THEIR WAY NORTH

**KUFOKI'S ARMY HAS RESUMED
ITS ADVANCE.**

Daily Engagements—Rumor of a Loss of Four Japanese Ships at Port Arthur—Land Force Advancing on the Fortress Along Both Coasts of the Peninsula.

Special Cable Despatches to THE SUN.

LONDON, June 7.—A despatch to the *Telegraph* from Shongtlatze says that heavy artillery firing was heard this morning in the direction of Tachan, east of Liaoyang. Natives report that the Japanese First Army is advancing and fighting daily. Hundreds of Russian wounded are arriving at Tashichao.

A despatch from St. Petersburg says that Gen. Kouropatkin has now been re-empowered by 6,000 of the Fourth Siberian

ARMY CORPS, bringing the total available force at Liaoyang up to 200,000 men.

TIENTSIN, June 6.—The Russians have evacuated Niumintang (western Manchuria) and are said to be joining the troops en route to Mukden. Heavy firing was heard at Kinechau this morning. The Japanese movements are unknown here.

KOUROPATKIN REPORTS A VICTORY.

ST. PETERSBURG, June 6.—Gen. Kouropatkin telegraphs the Czar:

"On June 3 Cossacks were fired on by Japanese infantry occupying a fortified position on the heights near Kuotelputse.

The Japanese attempted to advance across the valley of the Kaulindzyk-ho, but were stopped by the accurate fire of our field guns, which the Cossacks succeeded in placing in position.

"The Cossacks dismounted and, with the aid of reinforcements and the fire from two guns, forced the Japanese to abandon

"On the Japanese side six companies took part in the fusillade, four companies having arrived as reinforcements. The entrenchments on the enemy's positions were well constructed and were carefully and perfectly masked. Our cavalry and guns worked admirably. Their fire contributed principally to our success.

"Our losses were the gallant Cossack Chief Strakoff, killed, and two officers and eleven Cossacks wounded. The Japanese losses were not ascertained definitely, but they were large."

KOUROPATKIN MOVES SOUTH.

tary attachée with the Russian army announces that Gen. Kouroupatkin and his staff went to-day by railway to a point between Haicheng and Tashichao, sixty versts south of L'aoyang.

Cossacks are keeping in touch with the Japanese outposts, while another force is watching Gen. Kuroki's right wing to

The health of the troops is everywhere remarkable. This is believed to be due to the Russian diet, which consists principally of bread made of coarse flour and soup of meat and vegetables. Ordinary water is seldom if ever drunk.

Several of the attachés have been al-

The Czar has issued an edict for the mobilization of the First Army Corps, part of which is stationed here. Gen. Meindorf

commands the corps.

PLACING OF RUSSIAN TROOPS.

Tekie Learns of a Large Force Stationed at Hsichong.

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The garrison of Liaoyang consists of two divisions of infantry and 3,000 Cossacks, the latter being the only troops of the Japanese First Army, under Gen. Kuroki, a large Russian force has been concentrated at Anshantien and Haicheng, covering the Motienling pass. Another force, of 20,000, has been placed at Langtzhshan, on the Liaoyang road, and 10,000 between Tuesantan and Takorei.

heavily fortified.

JAP SHIPS REPORTED SUNK.

**Russian Fleet Said to Have Made a Sortie
From Port Arthur.**

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reported here that the Russians made a successful naval sortie from Port Arthur on Saturday and sank four Japanese ships, catching them unawares.

CHEFOO, June 6.—Russian accounts of the reported sinking of a Japanese vessel in Talienwan Bay vary. It is believed that the vessel that was sunk was a merchantman.

Standard from St. Petersburg says that it is believed that the **Port Arthur** fleet will probably make a determined sortie shortly, certainly before the land attack begins.

RUSSIA LOSES A GUNBOAT.

The **Gilyak** Blown Up at the Entrance to **Port Arthur**.

TOKIO, June 6.—The fifth destroyer flotilla, while off Port Arthur on Saturday, witnessed the destruction of the Russian gunboat Gilyak. Presumably she was struck by a Japanese torpedo. Another Russian gunboat and several destroyers and mining launches fled into the inner harbor when the Gilyak was sunk.

CHEFOO, June 6.—A Chinese junk, be-

came on Port Arthur last Friday and Saturday, did not hear the explosions in Port Arthur that were reported to have been heard on Friday. The persons on the junk heard desultory firing on Saturday morning. They saw five Japanese